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THE NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW BY CGIL SECRETARY GENERAL LUCIANO LAMA HAS EVOKED A VAST AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION AND REACTION, PRO AND CON. IN GENERAL, THE REACTIONS (WHICH ARE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY, WITH ANALYSIS) DIVIDE BETWEEN THE APPROBATION IN MANY NEWSPAPER COMMENTS AND IN STATEMENTS BY LEADING POLITICAL AND BUSINESS PERSONALITIES AND CRITICISM ON THE PART OF MANY (THOUGH NOT ALL) LABOR LEADERS, INCLUDING SOME COMMUNIST LEADERS OF CGIL.

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A COMPLETE TRANSLATION OF LAMA'S JAN 24 INTERVIEW FOLLOWS:

TRANSLATED FROM JANUARY 24, 1978 EDITION OF "LA REPUBBLICA"
THE SACRIFICES WE ASK OF THE WORKERS

LUCIANO LAMA:

A: IS IT TRUE THAT IN RECENT DAYS THERE HAS BEEN A
BATTLE WITHIN THE UPPER RANKS OF THE UNION?

A: YES IT IS TRUE.

Q: AND YOU PERSONALLY HAVE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY?
IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR POSITION HAS BEEN WEAKENED.

A: DIFFICULTY YES. JUST AS ALL OTHERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN
AN ACTION WHICH HAS AN EFFECT ON THE REALITY AND ON THE CONCRETE
INTERESTS OF PEOPLE. I WOULD NOT SAY THAT MY POSITION HAS BEEN
WEAKENED, BUT THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT DOES NOT SOLELY HAVE TO DO
WITH ME. IT HAS TO DO WITH THE LEADERS OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT.
WE HAVE ARRIVED AT A DECISIVE POINT. THE MOST IMPORTANT SINCE
THE AUTUMN OF 1969. ALL OF US KNOW THIS.

Q: WHAT IS THIS POINT AT WHICH WE HAVE ARRIVED?

A: WE MUST BEGIN WITH A MEETING OF THE CCU EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE LAST WEEK WHERE A NUMBER OF PRECISE TMINGS WERE SAID
AND SOME LESS EXACT. THE TRUTH IS THAT AS FEW DAYS EARLIER AT
THE CCU SECRETARIAT AND THEN IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WE DEALT
WITH A FUNDAMENTAL THEME. THAT OF PREPARING A TRUE AND PROPER
PROGRAM, A TRADE UNION POLITICAL LINE WHICH WOULD GLOBALLY
CONFRONT THE PROBLEMS OF THE COUNTRY IN A MOMENT WHICH ALL JUDGE
TO BE THAT OF A GRAVE CRISIS. CERTAINLY THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME
THAT LABOR FORMULATES IMPORTANT POLICIES OF ECONOMIC PROPOSALS.
BUT WE HAVE NEVER BEFORE COME TO THE POINT OF FORMULATING TRUE AND
PROPER PROGRAMS WHICH AMONG ITS ESSENTIAL POINTS WOULD ALSO
DEAL WITH THE COMPORTMENT OF THE WORKERS. IT WAS INEVITABLE
THAT SO DELICATE A TOPIC WOULD EXCITE VIVACIOUS CONTRASTS
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WITHIN OUR RANKS. BUT WHAT VOUNTS IS THAT AT THE END WE
APPROVED A COMMON UNANIMOUS LINE. THIS IS CONTAINED IN THE
DOCUMENT WHICH CARNITI PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
IN THE NAME OF THE SECRETARIAT AND WHICH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HAS APPROVED.

Q: YOU HAVE SAID THAT YOUR PROGRAM CONTAINS A POINT RELATIVE
TO THE COMPORTMENT OF THE WORKERS. ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE
SACRIFICES WHICH THE WORKERS ARE CALLED UPON TO MAKE.

A: YES, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. THE UNION
PROPOSES TO THE WORKERS A POLICY OF SACRIFICES. NOR MARGINAL
BUT SUBSTANTIAL SACRIFICES.

Q: IS THIS THE POINT THAT HAS GIVEN RISE TO THE CONTRASTS?

A: YES, IT WAS NATURAL THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

Q: AND IS IT THIS POINT WHICH NOW IS BEING DISCUSSED AT THE
ASSMELLIES OF THE RANK AND FILE THE PROGRAM IN ITS ENTIRETY

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IS BEING DISCUSSED. TO PUT IT BRIEFLY, IT REGARDS THE UTILIZATION OF THE NATIONAL RESOURCES FINALIZED TOWARD THE REALIZATION OF AN OBJECTIVE: THAT OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JOBS AND OF REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT. OBVIOUSLY THE SHARPEST DISCUSSIONS IN THE ASSMEBLIES OF THE RANK AND FILE HAVE CENTERED ABOUT, AND WILL CENTER ABOUT, THE QUESTION OF THE SACRIFICES ASKED OF THE WORKERS. THE CENTRAL MOMENT OF THE DEBATE WILL OCCUR ON FEBUARY 13 AND 14 WHEN THE NATIONAL LABOR ASSEMBLY WILL MEET. IT WILL BE COMPOSED OF THE GENERAL COUNCILS OF THE THREE CONFEDERATIONS, CGIL, CISL AND UIL AND OF A NUMBER OF DELEGATES FROM THE RANK AND FILE APART FROM THE COMPONENTS OF THE THREE GENERAL COUNCILS. IT WILL BE A CARDINAL EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF ITALIAN TRADE UNIONISM BECAUSE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORKERS WILL BE CALLED UPON TO DECIDE, UNDER THE GAZE OF THE ENTIRE PUBLIC OPINION, THE ROLE WHICH THE WORKING CLASS INTENDS TO PLAY IN STRAIGHTENING OUT THE ITALIAN SHIP OF STATE.

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Q: YOU SPEAK OF SACRIFICES. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT THEY CONSIST OF.
A: I WOULD LIKE FIRST TO ESTABLISH A PREMISE WHICH THE UNION PLACES AS ITS NUMBER ONE POINT ON ITS PROGRAM, THE SUBJECT OF UNEMPLOYMENT. THIS MEANS THAT IT HAS TAKEN ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT THE PROBLEM OF HAVING 1,600,000 UNEMPLOYED IS A MATTER OF ANGUISH AND TRAGEDY AND THAT EVERYTHING

ELSE MUST BE SACRIFICED ON BEHALF OF THIS OBJECTIVE. FOR
EXAMPLE: THE MATTER, OTHERWISE FULLY LEGITIMATE FOR THE LABOR
MOVEMENT, OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF THE EMPLOYED WORKERS.
THUS, IF WE WISH TO BE CONSISTENT IN OUR OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING
UNEMPLOYMENT, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
CONDITIONS OF THE EMPLOYED WORKERS MUST PASS TO A SECONDARY
POSITION.

Q: WHAT DOES THIS MEAN CONCRETELY?

A: THAT THE WAGE DEMANDS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS WILL
HAVE TO BE VERY LIMITED. THE IMPROVEMENT WHICH WILL BE REQUESTED
WILL HAVE TO BE PHASED WITHIN THE ARC OF THE THREE YEARS FOR
WHICH THE COLLECTIVE CONTRACTS ARE VALID. THE ENTIRE MECHANISM
OF THE WAGE SUPPLEMENT FUND WILL HAVE TO BE REVISED FROM TOP
TO BOTTOM. WE CAN NO LONGER OBLIGE THE ENTERPRISES TO RETAIN
A LEVEL OF THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WHICH EXCEEDS THEIR PRO-
DUCTIVE POSSIBILITIES, NOR CAN WE CONTINUE TO EXPECT THE WAGE
SUPPLEMENT FUND (CASSA INTEGRAZIONE) TO PROVIDE PERMANENT
ASSISTANCE FOR THE SUPERFLUOUS WORKERS. IN OUR DOCUMENT IT IS
ESTABLISHED THAT THE FUND ASSISTS THE WORKERS FOR ONE YEAR AND
NO MORE, EXCEPT FOR THE MOST UNUSUAL CASES WHICH MUST BE DECIDED
UPON CASE BY CASE BY THE REGIONAL PERMANENT COMMISSION (WHICH
IS COMPOSED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNION, EMPLOYER, REGION
AND LOCAL COMMUNITY). IN SHORT, EFFECTIVE MOBILITY OF MANPOWER
AND AN END TO THE SYSTEM OF PERMANENT ASSISTANCE TO THE WORKER.
Q: THIS IS A CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNION.

A: IT IS A BASIC CHANGE. SINCE 1969 THE UNION HAS PLAYED ITS
CARDS IN FAVOR OF THE RIGIDITY OF MANPOWER.

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Q: YOU HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THIS WAS AN ERROR?

A: WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM CANNOT TOLERATE
INDEPENDENT VARIABLES. THE CAPITALISTS MAINTAIN THAT
PROFITS ARE AN INDEPENDENT VARIABLE. THE WORKERS AND THE UNIONS,
PRACTICALLY IN REVENGE, HAVE SUSTAINED IN THESE YEARS THAT
WAGES ARE AN INDEPENDENT VARIABLE AND THAT MANPOWER IS ANOTHER
INDEPENDENT VARIABLE. TO PUT IT SIMPLY, THERE WAS ESTABLISHED
A CERTAIN WAGE LEVEL AND A CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT LEVEL AND THEN
IT WAS DEMANDED THAT THE PROPORTIONS OF THE OTHER ECONOMIC FACTORS
BE FIXED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE POSSIBLE THOSE LEVELS OF WAGES
AND EMPLOYMENT. LET'S BE INTELLECTUALLY HONEST. THIS HAS BEEN
A FOLLY BECAUSE IN AN OPEN ECONOMY THE VARIABLES ARE INTERDE-
PENDENT.

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Q: DOES THIS MEAN THAT IF THE WAGE LEVEL IS TOO HIGH WITH
RESPECT TO PRODUCTIVITY THAT THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT TENDS TO
DECREASE?

A: IT IS EXACTLY THUS, AND THE EXPERIENCE OF THESE YEARS
HAS CONFIRMED IT. OR ELSE, EMPLOYMENT DOES NOT DIMINISH
BUT UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES BECAUSE THE NEW ENTRIES INTO THE
LABOR FORCE FIND NO OUTLETS.

Q: LET'S DISCUSS MOBILITY ONCE AGAIN. MANY ASSERT THAT THIS
WORD SERVES TO HIDE A VERY MENACING REALITY. DO YOU STATE THAT
THERE ARE MANY ENTERPRISES WHICH HAVE MANPOWER MORE THAN THEY
REQUIRE?

A: THERE IS A CERTAIN NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES WHICH HAVE EX-
CESSIVE MANPOWER. WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT AN ENORMOUS NUMBER
BUT NEITHER AN INSIGNIFICANT ONE. WE ARE SOMEWHERE IN THE ORDER
OF AMGNITUDE OF SEVERAL TENS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS. THIS
CREATES VERY GRAVE HUMAN AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. ALSO BECAUSE IN
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ITALY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS BLOCKED AND THE WORKERS WHO LOSE
THEIR JOBS HAVE A JUSTIFIED FEAR OF NOT FINDING ANOTHER. AND
THEN IT HAS TO DO ALWAYS WITH LARGE ENTERPRISES WHICH ARE SITUATED
IN MAJOR URBAN CENTERS. THIS INCREASES THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
DAMAGES OF THE OPERATION. WE ARE ABOVE ALL CONVINCED THAT TO
IMPOSE ON ENTERPRISES EXCESSIVE MANPOWER IS A SUICIDAL POLICY.
THE ITALIAN EVONOMY IS BEING BROUGHT TO ITS KNEES ALSO BECAUSE

OF THIS POLICY. THEREFORE, WHILE NONE OF US IS OBLIVIOUS TO THE DIFFICULTY OF THE PROBLEM, WE MAINTAIN THAT AN ENTERPRISE, ONCE ITS STATE OF CRISIS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, HAS THE RIGHT TO DISMISS WORKERS.

Q: YOU ALSO PROPOSE THAT THE WAGE SUPPLEMENT FUND NOT ASSIST THE WORKERS FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR, WHY?

A: BECAUSE WE DO NOT WISH TO TRANSFORM PRODUCTIVE LABOR INTO WELFARE. AND FURTHER IT OFTEN HAPPENS THAT THE WORKERS IN THE WAGE SUPPLEMENT FUND FIND ANOTHER JOB, A BLACK JOB, AND SIMULTANEOUSLY BENEFIT FROM THE WAGES PAID BY THE FUND. THESE PHENOMENA, PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTH, ARE QUITE COMMON AND THEY MUST ABSOLUTELY CEASE. NATURALLY WE DO NOT ABANDON THOSE WHO ARE DISMISSED TO THEIR DESTINY. OUR PROPOSAL IS THAT THOSE WHO ARE DISMISSED BE INSCRIBED IN SPECIAL JOB PLACEMENT LISTS AND HAVE ABSOLUTE PRIORITY FOR REEMPLOYMENT. IN CITIES SUCH AS TURIN, MILAN AND BOLOGNA, WHERE TURNOVER IS HIGH, REEMPLOYMENT OF THOSE DISMISSED SHOULD NOT PRESENT AN INSURMOUNTABLE DIFFICULTY. NATURALLY THIS MEANS THAT THE JOB PERMIT OFFICES BECOME INSTITUTIONS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY ARE AT PRESENT. THEY BECOME THE ORGANIZATION THAT CONTROLS THE ENTRIES AND EXITS IN THE LABOR MARKET.

Q: DON'T YOU FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT TO GIVE ABSOLUTE PRIORITY TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISMISSED WORKERS WOULD BE INEQUITABLE WITH RESPECT TO YOUTH WHO ARE SEEKING THEIR FIRST EMPLOYMENT? DOES ONE NOT IN THIS WAY PERPETUATE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS: THAT OF THE EMPLOYED AND THE UNEMPLOYED WHICH

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IS AT THE BOTTOM OF MUCH OF OUR CURRENT DISEQUILIBRIUM?

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A: YOUR OBSERVATION IS EXACT. FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ABASTRACT JUSTICE THERE OUGHT NOT TO BE ANY PRIORITY. BUT FROM A CONCRETE POINT OF VIEW, THE LEAP THAT WE ACCOMPLISH BY READMITTING THE PRINCIPAL THAT EXCESSIVE MANPOWER CAN BE DISMISSED AND THAT THE WAGE SUPPLEMENT FUND OPERATE FOR LIMITED PERIODS IS ALREADY ENORMOUS. I THINK IT WOULD BE IN THE GENERAL INTEREST TO NOT MAKE CERTAIN SOCIAL SITUATIONS DRAMATIC AND EXPLOSIVE. AT LEAST UNTIL THE TIME WHEN THE ECONOMIC GROWTH MECHANISM IS AGAIN PUT IN MOTION, WE OUGHT TO BENEFIT THE DISMISSED WORKERS WITH A PRIORITY OVER THE OTHERS. I REPEAT: IT IS AN UNJUSTICE, BUT IN THE CONCRETE SITUATION IT WOULD BE FOLLY NOT TO COMMIT THE INJUSTICE.

Q: AT THE BOTTOM OF EVERYTHING IS THE PROBLEM OF GROWTH. IF THE ECONOMY STAGNATES THERE IS NO JOB PERMIT OFFICE OR AGENCY OF LABOR WHICH CAN RESOLVE THE QUESTION.

A: THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.

Q: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT SHORTENING OF WORK HOURS COULD BE A SOLUTION?

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A: THIS COULD BE A CONTRIBUTION CERTAINLY. BUT LET'S REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A COUNTRY WHERE THE HOURS OF EFFECTIVE WORK IS AMONG THE LOWEST OF THE INVOLVED INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. WE WORK A MINIMUM OF FORTY HOURS A WEEK AND HAVE HOLIDAYS MORE NUMEROUS THAN ANY WHERE ELSE. THE TENDENCY IN ALL THE CAPITALISTIC COUNTRIES IS TO SHORTEN THE HOURS, BUT WHAT IS REQUIRED IS THAT THE OTHER COUNTRIES ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH US BEFORE WE CAN MOVE ANOTHER STEP IN THIS DIRECTION. I REPEAT: THE PROBLEM WILL BE RESOLVED ONLY WITH A RESUMPTION OF GROWTH.

Q: IN OTHER WORDS THE ACCUMULATION OF CAPITAL.

A: YES, THE ACCUMULATION OF CAPITAL APPROPRIATELY PROGRAMMED BY THE STATE AND DIRECTED TOWARD THE GOAL OF INCREASING EMPLOYMENT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS OUR LINE.

Q: YOU SAID AT THE OUTSET THAT THERE HAS BEEN A BATTLE WITHIN YOUR TANKS IN ORDER TO DEFINE THIS LINE AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO LACK OF CONTESTATION IN THE RANK AND FILE. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU ARE CONFRONTING MAJOR OBSTACLES.

A: YES, IT IS TRUE. WHEN ONE IS CALLED UPON TO RENOUNCE HIS OWN ADVANTAGES IN VIEW OF NOBLE OBJECTIVES, BUT WHICH IN A SPECIFIC WAY DO NOT PRODUCE BENEFITS FOR THOSE CALLED UPON

TO MAKE THE SACRIFICES, THERE IS A NEED FOR A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF POLITICAL AND CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TALK ON THE PART OF THE ITALIAN BEOURGEOISIE ABOUT THE MISFORTUNE THAT IN ITALY THERE TRADE UNIONS OF CLASS. HOWEVER, IF THERE WERE NOT A HIGH CONSCIOUSNESS OF CLASS, DISCUSSIONS SUCH AS THESE WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE.

Q: DO YOU THINK THAT THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TRADE UNION LINE WHICH YOU ARE PROPOSING IS TIED ON THE PART OF THE WORKER RANK AND FILE, TO A SPECIFIC POLITICAL FORMULA?

A: CERTAINLY, THE PROPOSAL OF A SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WOULD FACILITATE THE APPROVAL OF OUR LINE. THE REASONS ARE AVIDENT. BUT OUR DECISIONS ARE COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT OF THE TYPE OF GOVERNMENTAL
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FORMULA WHICH WILL BE ADOPTED. THE TRADE UNION FEDERATION (CCU) HAS MADE ITS DECISIONS WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT THE POLITICAL SOLUTION WILL BE AND IS COMMITTED TO FOLLOW THEM WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

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Q: DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE POLITICAL SOLUTIONS ARE A MATTER
IF INDIFFERENCE.

A: NOT AT ALL. BUT IT DOES MEAN THERE ARE OBJECTIVES EVEN
MORE IMPORTANT WHICH SUPERCEDE PARTY LOYALTY. THE OBJECTIVE
OF GIVING EMPLOYMENT TO THE YOUTH IS OF IMMENSE IMPORTANCE.
A SOCIETY WHICH LEAVES ITS YOUTH WITHOUT AN OUTLET IS CONDEMNED.
I MUST SAY THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUTH EXISTS ALREADY IN
ALL OF THE COUNTRIES OF ADVANCED CAPITALISM. IN FRANCE, GERMANY,
IN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE US. THIS IS NOT SIMPLY AN ITALIAN FACT.
BUT WITH US IT MANIFESTS ITSELF WITH A GREATER INTENSITY THAN
ANYWHERE ELSE.

Q: IF THIS IS A PROBLEM IN ALL OF THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES
THAT WOULD MEAN THAT CAPITALISM IS NO LONGER CAPABLE OF
PROVIDING SUCH OUTLETS. THEREFORE, HOW DO YOU RECONCILE THIS
DECLINE OF CAPITALISM WITH THE PROPOSAL OF A REVIVAL OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN ITALY WITHOUT WHICH YOU SEE NO SOLUTION TO OUR
PROBLEMS? DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION?

A: I UNDERSTAND IT VERY WELL. IN EFFECT, CAPITALISM SHOWS
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SIGNS OF DECLINE. BUT THESE ARE PROBLEMS OF TENDENCY OF A
LONG TERM WHICH WE ARE NOT ACCLED UPON TO DISCUSS AT LEAST NOT
IN THIS OFFICE. I AM CONVINCED THAT CAPITALISM IS IN A PHASE
OF DECLINE. BUT THIS DOES NOT SIGNIFY AT ALL THAT OVER THE
MEDIUM TERM IT COULD NOT SUSTAIN INTENSE PHASES OF GROWTH.
ITALY EXPERIENCED AN INTENSE PHASE OF GROWTH DURING THE ENTIRE
PERIOD 1950-1963. IN MY OPINION, IT COULD HAVE ANOTHER.
I REPEAT: IT IS SPECIFICALLY IN ORDER TO COLLABORATE TOWARDS
THIS OBJECTIVE AND TO UTILIZE IT TO REABSORB THE UNEMPLOYED
THAT WE CALL UPON THE WORKING CLASS FOR A PROGRAM OF SACRIFICES.
NATURALLY ALL OF THE CATEGORIES AND ALL OF THE SOCIAL GROUPS
MUST TO LIKEWISE.

Q: THIS WOULD MEAN THAT LABOR PROPOSES A GRAND PROGRAM
OF NATIONAL SOLIDARITY.

A: THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING.

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT IT WAS YOU (THE UNIONS) WHO CAUSED THE
ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT TO FALL, OR, TO BE MORE PRECISE,
THAT IT WAS THE METAL WORKERS WITH THEIR DEMONSTRATION IN ROME
ON DECEMBER 2 AND THE MENACE OF A GENERAL STRIKE?

A: THE PRESSURES OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT DOUBTLESS CARRIED
WEIGHT. FOR EXAMPLE, CERTAIN PARTIES MORE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED
WITH THE WORKING CLASS HAVE SENSED THE PRESSURE AND ACCELERATED
THE PERIOD OF CLARIFICATION. THE PARTIES DO NOT ORGANIZE
"DEAD SPIRITS" BUT LIVING MEN. NO THING STRANGE THEN, THAT SOME
OF THESE (PARTIES) HAVE A SPECIAL FEELING FOR THEIR TIES WITH
THE WORKERS AND OTHERS, FOR EXAMPLE, THEIR TIES WITH HOME OWNERS.
THE PARTIES REPRESENT SOCIAL CLASSES.

Q: SO YOU THINK THAT THE BATTLE YOU HAVE UNDERTAKEN WILL BE
A VICTORIOUS ONE FOR THE WORKING RANK AND FILE?

A: YES, I HAVE FAITH THAT IS WHAT WILL OCCUR. THE LEADERS

OF THE FEDERATION (CCU) ARE COMPACT AND LAOYAL. WE ARE ALL DOING
OUR PART. THE WORKING CLASS IS CALLED UPON TO TAKE ON THE
NATIONAL PROBLEM THIS IS FUNDAMENTAL. PERSONALLY, I HAVE
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DEDICATED MY ROLE AS A LABOR LEADER TO THIS BOJECTIVE. WERE
THIS OBJECTIVE NOT TO BE APPROVED OR TO BE REJECTED, I WOULD
DERIVE FROM THAT ALSO PERSONAL CONCLUSIONS. BUT THIS WOULD BE THE
LEAST OF IT. WERE THIS NOT TO BE APPROVED, IT WOULD MEAN THAT
IN THE WORKING CLASS, EGOTISM HAD WON OUT. WERE THIS TO COME
TO PASS, THERE WOULD NO LONGER BE ANY HOPE FOR THE COUNTRY.
BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WILL OCCUR.GARDNER

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